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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir,

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an automatic extension of time of one (1) month to respond to the Office Action of July 29, 2003. Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than December 1, 2003 (November 29 being a Saturday).

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17, the required fee of \$110.00 is attached herewith.

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